



PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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4th Sunday of Advent


† DECEMBER 22, 2019, ADVENT YEAR A †

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Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon

Leadership Ministry Team
Pam Hall-Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Janis Rose & Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib-Baptism, Sonny Guy-Communion to Sick, Richard Rose-Finance

OFFICE HOURS:
MON, TUE, THURS, FRI –
8:30 – 12:30 PM
WED.-CLOSED
TEL: 902 – 794 – 3951

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Tues. Dec. 24	Boisdale St. Joseph St. Joseph	4 pm 6 pm 9 pm	Incense	
Wed. Dec. 25	St. Joseph	10 am		
Thur. Dec. 26				
Fri. Dec. 27				
Sat. Dec. 28	St. Joseph Church St. Joseph Church St. Andrew Parish, Boisdale	3 :15 pm 4 :00 pm 5 :30 pm	Confession Mass Mass	For Parishioners
Sun. Dec. 29	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	Feast of the Holy Family with baptisms

Ministries Dec. 28, Dec. 29	4 pm Mass Saturday	10 am Mass Sunday
	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	Celebration Choir	Adult Choir
GREETERS & HOSPITALITY	Barb Williams, Jean Landry, Alberta Devoe	Ben and Rhea Long
ALTAR SERVERS	L. Aker, J. Ross	J. Skinner, L. Green
READERS	Iris Young, Taralee MacInnis	Crystal Winter, Fred MacLeod
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Helen Greenwell, Arlene Lyle	Robert, Susan and Lily MacPhee
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, David Dooley, Janis Rose, Richard Rose, Diana Steele	Deacon Roy or EMC, Armand Forest, Ben Long, Monica Shebib, EMC from congregation
Cleaning of Church	Team	Team
PORTER – OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

PARISH NEWS

Merry Christmas

Dear People of God,
Have a happy, holy and blessed Christmas season.
May the Spirit of Christ warm your hearts with love and fill you with enthusiasm to face 2020. I pray every parishioner is filled with good health in this New Year.
Peace be with you all, Fr Douglas MacDonald - Pastor

Tuesday, December 24th :

6 pm – Pageant, followed by Christmas mass (incense free)

9 pm – Christmas Mass (with incense)

Wednesday Dec. 25th :

10 am – Mass with organ

Wednesday Jan. 1st

The Solemnity of Mary Mass – 10 am.

Parish Office will be closed Dec. 25th to Jan. 1st.
Reopening Thurs. Jan. 2nd, 2020.

Sunday Missals -The Sunday Missals will be available at the Parish Office during office hours.

Schedule for Confessions – Northside Confessions at Holy Family Parish in Sydney Mines is Sat. Dec 21st from 10:30 to 3:30 with rotating priests.

Surviving Cancer -Dr. Hilda Tremblett will speak on “Surviving Cancer: How to do it” at St. Joseph Parish Hall (church basement), Archibald Ave. North Sydney, on Sunday, January 5th at 2:30 pm. Dr. Tremblett will discuss a number of ways to keep well and better manage our health. This event is a partnership with the Catholic Women’s League, the Knights of Columbus and St Joseph Parish. There will be a free will offering at the door with all donated funds going to the Cancer Center at our Regional Hospital. Light refreshments will be served after Dr. Tremblett’s talk. All are welcome.

Holy Cross Cemetery – I wish to notify you that the last possible day for burials in Holy Cross Cemetery will be **Friday, Dec. 20th**. After this date, Holy Cross Cemetery will be closed for burials until mid April, 2020. As of Jan.1st the entrances will be closed and the chains put in place. Thank you. Daniel McKeough, Chair Holy Cross Cemetery.

Special Thank You –To the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Father Doug and Deacon Roy; we would like to express our sincere thanks for your generosity, prayers and support over the past four years of formation in the Diaconate. Your kindness and friendship will never be forgotten. As we continue on our faith journey, please continue your good work at St. Joseph and keep us in your prayers. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Deacon David and Doreen Lewis.

Give the Gift of Music – with a St. Joseph Celebration Choir Christmas CD. Cost \$10.00 each. Available from Celebration Choir Members before or after Saturday’s 4 pm masses.

EMC and Readers’ Schedules – for Christmas to Palm Sunday is now available for pick up in the vestry.

Hospitality Schedule – is now ready at the entrance to the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation Classes – Sundays at 9:30 am.

Children’s Christmas Party – will be held this Sunday, Dec. 22nd in the Church Hall immediately after the 10 am. Mass.

Christmas Pageant – The Christmas Pageant is fast approaching. A practice for the pageant will be held on Mon. Dec, 23rd at 1 pm.

What is “blessing”? – The prayer of blessing is man’s response to God’s gifts: we bless the Almighty who first blesses us and fills us with his gifts. CCC [2626-2627, 2645](http://2626-2627.2645)

HALL NEWS

Hall Envelopes - Donations to the hall are 100% levy free. The finance committee created *new hall envelopes* that are available in the pews. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU!

December 14/15, 2019	
Envelopes	2594.55
Loose cash	110.00
Fuel	160.00
Special Collections	55.00
Change for Change	17.50
Candles	42.95
Other	45.00
Totals	3025.00
Hall Fund	777.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

New Bishop Appointed for the Diocese of Antigonish –

Pope Francis has announced that he has appointed **Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, as the tenth bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish. Bishop Kirkpatrick was born on June 5, 1957 in St. Catharines, Ontario, the fourth of five children. He was ordained to the priesthood on September 1, 1984. In May 2012, Pope Benedict XV1 appointed him as Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Toronto.

He brings with him a tremendous amount of pastoral experience serving in the parish and being involved in the administration of a diocese. Welcome Bishop Wayne and keep him in your prayers.

CBU Thank you – The Students of CBU thank the parishioners of St. Joseph for their generous winter clothing donations. The clothing drive is now over; thank you.

KOC
CWL

The CWL Memorial Ornaments -

Following the Christmas Season, when the decorations are removed, the ornaments will be repackaged and made available for pickup by those persons who desire to take them home. Further details will be made available on this topic after Christmas.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Cold weather is here & request for winter clothing has increased. If you, other family members, or friends, have winter clothing, boots no longer being used, please consider donating same to St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot located @ 1 Cottage St., Sydney Mines. Men, Women & Children’s clothing and boots are needed. Open every Thursday except last Thursday of each month. There are St. Vincent de Paul members in each parish. Christmas decorations also a priority if you have extra. Thanks to everyone helping us to help others in our communities. We really appreciate it!

World Day of The Poor, 2019 -Our recent appeal on behalf of World Day of the Poor met with a great response from you, the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish. We are most grateful for your generous donations. As we promised last year, all monies raised will be used for the poor people in our area. This year the total donations from our Parish for those in need was \$2056.55. We are very pleased and happy with your response. Income tax receipts will be sent out in the New Year. The members and volunteers of the Northside Society of St. Vincent de Paul sincerely thank you for the support you give to all of our appeals whether it is for clothing, household items, monetary donations or food for the Food Banks.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cape Breton University Pipe Band has a Christmas CD for sale!

- The album features the CBU Pipe, Redmond MacDougall, and Carol Ann MacDougall. CD’s are \$10 each and are available at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop on Charlotte St, downtown Sydney, or through band members. Contact Trevor Kellock at cbupb2014@gmail.com for more details.



Christmas Memorials:

In Loving Memory of our parents, Austin and Eileen Fyfe

As Christmas time draws near, we fondly remember year’s gone by When we prepared spiritually and temporally for the Christ Child’s birth. We know you are always with us and continue to guide us with love on this life journey to join you. Missed and loved always, Ann Eileen, Maureen, Kevin and Family.

In Loving Memory of a wonderful Husband, Father and Grandfather

Joe Donovan

The sadness never goes away
The silent tears still flow
Your thought of and so sadly missed
More than you’ll ever know. Remembered by wife, Brenda, daughters Joanne, Angela and Noella and Families.



In Loving Memory of a wonderful Father and Grandfather, Ronnie Clancy

We asked an angel in heaven
In a special Christmas Prayer
To protect you as your sleeping
And to tend you with great care. Remembered by son, Ross, daughter-in-law, Kathy, and granddaughters, Clara, Selena, and Maeve.



In Loving Memory of a wonderful, Husband, Father and Grandfather, Ronnie Clancy

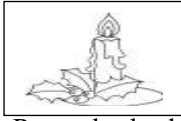
Now that you're no longer here
I hope you'll always know,
Your memory is with me



everywhere I go. Remembered by wife, Marlene, and Family.

In Loving Memory of a wonderful Father and Grandfather, Ronnie Clancy

Someone is missing at Christmas
Let this be a loving reminder
That someone is missing today



Someone that our hearts still hold onto. Remember by daughter, Janice,
son-in-law, Steven, and grandson, Hunter Benoit.

Community Compassionate Care

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Tenderness and mercy are the heart of the Gospel. Otherwise, one doesn't understand Jesus Christ, or the tenderness of the Father who sends him to listen to us, to cure us, and to save us.

– Pope Francis.

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
